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BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2006

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Room 4, Richmond, Virginia.

CHAIRMAN: Paula H. Boone, O.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: W. Ernest Schlabach, Jr., O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director
Jack Kotvas, Attorney General's Office
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: No others were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **◆Action** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **Professional Designation Regulatory Violations/Disciplinary Matrix**
Dr. Boone presented recommended disciplinary guidelines to insure uniformity of sanctions regarding violations of the professional designation regulations as follows:

First offense: Confidential Consent Agreement including required fees.
Second offense: Informal Conference including a \$500.00 fine and required fees.
Third offense: Informal Conference including a \$1000.00 fine and required fees.
Additional offenses: Informal Conference including a higher fine and required fees.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee requested revisions to the proposed guidelines and voted to present the following recommendations to the full Board:

First offense: Confidential Consent Agreement including required fees.

Second offense: Pre-Hearing Consent Order to include a \$500.00 fine, required fees and reprimand.

Third offense: Informal Conference including a \$1000.00 fine, required fees and reprimand.

Additional offenses: Informal Conference with higher fines, required fees and additional sanctions.

Request from Paul T. Edwards, O.D.

Website Clarification

Dr. Edwards requested clarification of the professional designation regulations, 18 VAC 105-20-50.B.4, relating to website and e-mail address compliance.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the Board does not have jurisdiction over website and e-mail addresses. The Committee made note that the advertising content of web pages must comply with the Optometry Professional Designation and Advertising Regulations and Statutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlach, the meeting adjourned 10:25 a.m.

Paula H. Boone, O.D., Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director